GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF MUSTARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a fall in mustard procurement price from Rs.2,300/- per quintal to approx. Rs.1,600 per quintal;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether this is due to the reduced tariff on Australian Palm-Oil; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to safeguard the interest of the mustard farmers of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): No, Sir. The procurement of mustard, which is a Rabi season crop, is undertaken at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government each year. The MSP fixed for mustard marketed in 2005-06 is Rs.1700 per quintal compared with Rs.1600 per quintal for mustard marketed in 2004-05. Thus, there was no decline in price at which mustard has been procured in 2005-06.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.